

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore.

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The following letter No. 6903—224, dated 11th February 1902, from the Inspector General of Education in Mysore :—

I have the honor to inform you that Sowcar Padma Setti of Sravanabelagola has constructed at a cost of Rs. 8,000 a large school building containing eight class rooms on a plan approved by the Inspector General and the Deputy Inspector of Hassan, which he proposes to hand over to Government for the accommodation of the Hobli Kannada School, the Aided English School, and the Aided Sanskrit School at Sravanabelagola on the following conditions :—

(1) that Government will, in future, bear the cost of maintaining the building, (2) tha Government will pay the Sowcar a building grant of Rs. 3,000, of which Rs. 750 has been promised by the Sravanabelagola Mutt and Rs. 750 has been subscribed by the people, and (3) that Government should restore the building to the donor, his heirs or assigns in case it ceases to be used for the purposes of schools in Sravanabelagola at any future time. The Sowcar promises to hand over Rs. 3,000 back to Government as a Poor Scholars' Fund for Sravanabelagola as stated in para 3 below.

2. It was my intention to construct a suitable house for the Hobli School at Sravanabelagola, which is a Middle School, at a cost of not less than Rs. 3,000. Towards the cost of this school, Government sanctioned by Order No. 729-31—Muz. F. 17-95, dated 17th December 1897, in the Muzrai Department, a contribution of Rs. 750 from the funds of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola, and the people of Sravanabelagola have collected a sum of Rs. 750 by subscription, which they are ready to pay to the credit of the Village School Fund. To these two sums it was my intention to propose the addition of a grant of Rs. 1,500 from the Village School Fund for the Hobli School building.

3. If Sowcar Padma Setti's offer is accepted, his house will suffice for the accommodation not only of the Kannada Hobli School but also the English and Sanskrit Aided Schools, and the necessity of constructing a Government building will be obviated. The Sowcar proposes that the intended outlay of Rs. 1,500 from the Village School Fund referred to above, together with the Rs. 750 sanctioned from the Mutt funds and the Rs. 750 subscribed by the people, may be formed into a Poor Scholars' Fund for Sravanabelagola. He does not want to receive any portion of the money himself, but requests Government to accept in trust the sum of Rs. 3,000 so formed to be invested in Government of India Paper, the interest alone being used by a Committee to be appointed with the approval of Government, for paying the whole or a portion of the cost of the education of poor boys of Sravanabelagola. The rules of administering the fund will be settled fully later on in consultation with me.

4. Under the above circumstances I recommend that Government may be pleased to sanction Rs. 1,500 from the cash balance to the credit of the Village School Fund together with Rs. 750 already sanctioned by Government from the Mutt Funds and Rs. 750 subscribed by the people. From the allotment for buildings in the Village School Fund Budget of the current year, there is no balance available for the above grant of Rs. 1,500. The building is now ready for occupation.

No. 14885-90—Mis. 2120, DATED BANGALORE, 10TH MARCH 1902.

ORDER THEREON.—The Inspector General's proposals are approved with this exception that instead of a supplemental grant for the current year, due provision for the building grant of Rs. 1,500 be made in the Village School Fund Budget for 1902-1903.

2. A document should be secured from Sowcar Padma Setti in such form as may be approved by the Government Advocate.

3. A scheme for the administration of the Fund should be propounded, and a Committee appointed for giving effect to it.

4. The thanks of the Government should be communicated to the Sowcar for his liberal gift.

5. The Muzrai Department will arrange to place the Mutt's contribution of Rs. 750 at the disposal of the Inspector General, and the Deputy Commissioner will proceed to recover the contribution of a like sum promised by the people, to be similarly placed at that officer's disposal.

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